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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION, INC. REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS BRADLEY (USPS-T-14)

(DMA/USPS-T14-46)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a response to the following interrogatory of Direct Marketing Association, Inc.: DMA/USPS-T14-46, filed on September 17, 1997 and redirected from witness Bradley (USPS-T-14).

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of DMA (Redirected from Witness Bradley)

DMA/USPS-T14-46. Please refer to your response to DMA/USPS-T14-20b(ii)(a).

- (a) What proportion of mail processing labor hours is spent clocked into operations during temporary equipment breakdowns lasting ten minutes or less? Please specify by craft, CAG, and MODS operation code.
- (b) What proportion of mail processing labor hours is spent clocked into operations during temporary equipment breakdowns lasting more than ten minutes? Please specify by craft, CAG, and MODS operation code.

DMA/USPS-T14-46 Response:

- (a) As stated in the response to DMA/USPS-T14-20b(ii)(a), employees would remain clocked into the operation during a temporary equipment breakdown of ten minutes or less. No data are available to determine the proportion of hours spent clocked into operations during temporary equipment breakdowns lasting ten minutes or less as these hours are not isolated using a discrete operation number.
- (b) No data are available to determine the proportion of hours spent clocked into operations during temporary equipment breakdowns lasting more than ten minutes.
 Please note that if the breakdown persists, the employee would likely be temporarily reassigned to an alternate processing activity.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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